

California State Board of Optometry
Licensee Requirements at a Glance

California licensed optometrists are required to notify the Board of every location at which they practice or intend to practice optometry on a regular basis. Regular basis means practicing at a particular location on set schedule (e.g., Mondays, Saturdays, once a month, etc.). This chart explains of how to comply with the various licensing requirements. Please note that All forms and applications are available at <http://www.optometry.ca.gov/forms/index/.htm>

License Type	Description	Address Change	Name Change	Application Fee	Renewal Intervals	Renewal Fee	Comments
Optometric License (OPT)	License to practice optometry in California at designated “principal place of practice.” May be owner or an employee/independent contractor at the location.	Submit on Notification of Address Change for Optometrist and Corporate Licenses \$25.00 fee to issue replacement license, which is optional.	Submit on Notification of Name Change for OPT and BOL and/or SOL form and return original license.	\$275.00	Every 2 years on the last day of birth month.	\$300.00	Initial license expires within the 13 months following licensure at end of birth month. CE required upon renewal (except first time renewals if licensed within one year of graduation with OD degree). \$25.00 delinquent fee.
Statement of Licensure (SOL)	Required for every location <u>employed/independent contractor</u> on a regular basis in addition to “principal place of practice.”	Cancel and apply for new SOL	Same as OPT	\$20.00	Same time as OPT license.	No fee	Cancel SOL’s if no longer employed at the locations to which the SOL’s were issued by notifying the Board in writing.
Branch Office License (BOL)	Required for second, third, or more additional optometric practices <u>owned</u> by an optometrist(s).	Cancel and apply for new BOL	Same as OPT	\$60.00	Yearly On February 1 st	\$60.00	Upon change in ownership, cancel the license and apply for a new BOL. \$25.00 delinquent fee.
Fictitious Name Permit (FNP)	Required if a fictitious name used in conjunction with the practice of optometry.	Cancel and apply for new FNP	Cancel and apply for new FNP	\$10.00	Yearly On January 31 st	\$10.00	Upon change in ownership, cancel the license and apply for new FNP. \$5.00 delinquent fee.

****NOTICE OF CHANGES ****

Effective January 1, 2007: An optometric corporation is no longer required to obtain a certificate of registration from the California Board of Optometry

Effective January 1, 2007: CPR certification will no longer be required as a condition for renewal or the maintaining of an optometric license.